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of the gens will kill these animals and trade them to other groups to whom they are not *fady*. 784 618

The Marolahy have a *fady* against eating wild pig, but can kill it or keep the meat in their houses. This is because they were once very fond of the meat, and, after a hunt, gorged themselves with it so that many became ill and the chief of their village died.

The Tevato have the following *fady:* (1) To eat wild or domestic pig, because these animals are filth eaters. (2) To eat eels, either the large spotted *tona* or the ordinary eel. (3) To eat meat killed by other gentes. (4) To eat or cook with utensils used by persons of other gentes. They say that all these *fady* are inherited from their ancestors who had them when they came to Madagascar from "Maka," i.e., [167] Arabia. They are known to have entered the Tanala territory from the southeast coast and probably do have some Arab blood. In this gens a man who is accused of any offense will say: "I will eat a *tona* if I did it." This is a binding oath, and, if the accuser still doubts his word, he has the right to attack him seriously, with a knife or axe.

The Zafindrasoiva do not eat wild or domestic pig, saying they are filth eaters.

The Andriavahoakarivo do not kill or eat parrots, the *fady* being explained by the following story: The founder of the gens was attacked by robbers, beaten unconscious, and buried in a shallow grave. He recovered consciousness, but thought he was dead and made no move to escape until he heard the clamor of parrots in a neighboring tree. Then he concluded he was alive and dug his way out. In gratitude he made the parrot *fady* to his descendants.

The Zafindiamanana do not kill or eat goats, saying that once a goat which had been improperly butchered lived for a long time, disturbing the village with its cries and disgusting the people so that they were unable to digest the meat.

The Zafimaniry have the same *fady* in all their divisions. These are: (1) To kill or eat lemurs. This is because they have hands and finger nails like human beings, and are the descendants of men who long ago became lost in the forest. (2) To eat the *sora*, a small spiny insectivore. This is because in eating one of them a man once got a spine stuck in his throat. It became infected and the man died. A second reason is that the *sora* lives with rats, which are unclean, and sometimes rats turn into *sora*. (3) To kill or eat the *saka*, a very small bird. This is because when the ancestor of the gens was hiding in a thicket from enemies a flock of *saka* came and settled on the